

**City of Fridley  
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**

**AGENDA**

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**DATE:** October 3, 2016

**LOCATION:** Fridley Municipal Center – Meeting Room 1

**CALL TO ORDER**

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF: September 12, 2016

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**1. STAFF REPORT**

- a. Program Update
- b. Park Maintenance Report
- c. Springbrook Nature Center Report
- d. Pumpkin Night in the Park
- e. West Moore Lake Improvement Project

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Moore Lake Park planning- Hoesington Koegler Group Inc.
- b. Skating Rink locations 2016-2017
- c. Springbrook Use Policy Addition

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS:**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 7, 2016 at the Fridley Municipal Center Meeting Room 1.



# PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

# UPDATE

September 2016

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## **Springbrook Nature Center**

On September 6<sup>th</sup> we had our first Playful Polliwogs class of the year. The theme was Bye, Bye Summer and our instructor engaged with 7 pre-school aged children teaching them about migration.

Our new naturalist had her first "On the nature trail" session with students at Adams Elementary. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders enjoyed digging in the soil, looking for critters and creating a mud painting. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders enjoyed learning about predator prey and small mammals.

✓ On Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup> we had our first Pumpkin Night in the Park meeting and 25 volunteers showed up to help and get involved!

Springbrook led field trips for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. All the students enjoyed learning and exploring the Nature Center.

✓ September 24<sup>th</sup> the Nature Center had its first rental and it was a huge success! The Fire Department held a banquet, and all went well and everyone enjoyed the space.

## **Recreation**

✓ During the first week of school (Sept 5-Sept 9) 164 students attended the Zone.

✓ After-school activities started at Hayes and Stevenson on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The classes for this month included a soccer league, Crafts, and Outdoor games. We currently have about 90 children enrolled.

The Zone has been averaging 80 kids on Mondays with the Friends of Fridley Education free day.

## **Senior Program**

The fall session of Memory classes started on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Currently we have 20 participants attending and a waitlist of 12. Due to the high amount of interest in the class we will be having another class starting in January.

During the week of August 29<sup>th</sup> we showed the movie Elvis and Nixon, and 15 people showed up to enjoy the movie.

✓ The Fall Kick-Off on September 15<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Over 100 people attended the event and were able to register and receive information on upcoming fall programs.

The morning Bridge group donated \$700 to the Friends of the Fridley Senior Program.



# **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Jack Kirk, Recreation Director

FROM: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager-Streets and Parks

DATE: SEPTEMBER, 2016

SUBJECT **AUGUST PARKS REPORT**

The Park Department has had a busier than normal end of season with all of the excess rain we have been having we are still mowing every day. Athletic fields are all back in use and we have also added flag football fields at Community Park. We have installed new swings and slide at Creek View and will be having the basketball court resurfaced in the next couple of weeks which will improve the park very much. We have had repairs at Springbrook Nature Center on both boardwalks from vandalism and very high flood waters from the latest storm. We are anticipating install of new equipment at Commons the first week of October as we have already expanded the play area so we could establish grass before the installation.

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## Springbrook Nature Center

October 2016

Mike Maher, Springbrook Nature Center Director

Monthly Report to Fridley Parks and Recreation Commission

- ✓ • Construction punch list items are being completed for the new interpretive center including backordered tile on the fireplace, a few final exhibit graphics and some final mechanical system adjustments.
- Staff is busy planning Pumpkin Night in the Park to be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Community pumpkin carving events will be held at the nature center on October 16-20. The event will feature 1000 carved and lit pumpkins, entertainment, food, a dance, bingo and themed trail stops. A shuttle will run from the parking lot at Emmanuel Christian Center on University and Osborne. Additional parking will be at businesses along Evergreen Street across for SNC.
- Fall school programming is in full swing with teaching at our partner schools as well as visiting field trips. The new facility is working well. On 9/27, we hosted three school field trips, the Fridley Lions meeting and our weekly preschool program. A feat that would have been impossible before the new facility was completed.
- The Nature Center has formed a new partnership with the Spring Lake Park Schools ECFE program to host a parent/child class called Nature Buddies. There will be three classes each this fall, winter and spring held at the nature center.
- Staff continues to work closely with the development task force to identify grant opportunities, promote fundraising and contact local businesses.
- The nature center continues to work with many community partners and hosted work groups from Xcel Energy, Cummins Power Generation, the Anoka Hennepin School District Bridges Program and Calvin Christian School.
- The Nature Center's Discovery Dinner series has resumed and we will be hosting author and musician Douglas Wood on October 8<sup>th</sup> and DNR Non-Game Expert Carrol Henderson on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please consider attending one of these wonderful events.
- ✓ • Bid documents were released for our Amphitheater (made possible by the Fridley Lions) and nature based play area (made possible by Jerome and Patricia Hartlaub). The bids will be opened on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.



# Pumpkin Night in the Park

**Saturday, October 22 6-10 pm**

**\$8 per person, no charge for kids 2 & under**

**4 Ticket Bundles sold in advance for \$28**

**Cash only at the gate**

**Parking shuttle info on website**

**[www.springbrooknaturecenter.org](http://www.springbrooknaturecenter.org)**

- **Enchanted Trails with Costumed Characters**
- **Fire Dancers**
- **Monster Bingo**
- **Pumpkin Patch Dance with Live DJ**
- **1,000 Glowing Pumpkins**
- **Delicious Concessions**
- **Pumpkin Carving Contest**
- **And Much More!**



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## Public Works Department

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Kirk, Director of Parks and Recreation  
FROM: Brandon Brodhag, Engineering Division  
DATE: September 29, 2016  
SUBJECT: West Moore Lake Improvement Project

A 10' trail along West Moore Lake Drive from Medtronic Parkway to MN Highway 65 is being proposed and is in the preliminary engineering design stages. The proposed trail will connect with the existing trail on the East side of East Moore Lake to create a continuous 2.35 mile loop. Federal and State-Aid funds have been granted for the project.

Medtronic Parkway to 59<sup>th</sup> Ave: Eastern Curb line to move west 10', proposed trail to go on the east side of the relocated curb line.

59<sup>th</sup> Ave to 61<sup>st</sup> Ave: The proposed trail will be installed on the east side of West Moore Lake Drive. The proposed trail will cross over into the Sand Dunes Park Right-Of-Way a few feet. The existing fence along the property line will need to be relocated/replaced.

61<sup>st</sup> Ave to Highway 65: On this part of the project, the trail will enter onto the street. There will be an 8' bike lane on the south side of the road to go with the existing 3' concrete sidewalk that will not be touched during the project.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Environmental Documentation Submittal: December 2016  
Plan Submittal: March 2017  
Construction Start Date/End: October 2017 to June 2018

A Public Workshop has been set up to meet on October 25th. An engineering representative will be at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting in November to answer any questions.

**2a Moore Lake Park planning – Hoesington Koegler Group, Inc.**

As discussed at the last Commission meeting, the City is working with a landscape architect firm (Hoesington Koegler Group, Inc) to develop a master plan for improving Moore Lake Park. Staff from Hoesington Koegler will be at the meeting on Monday to lead a planning process involving the Commission to get some ideas on the direction for the improvements wanted and needed at the park.

In preparation for Monday's meeting and planning session, it may be helpful to give some thought to the following:

What should Moore Lake Park be like in the future?

What amenities or opportunities should be available at this park?

What is working well at the park today?

What do you think is not working well and could be changed?

What would you see as the highest priority to be addressed when looking at Moore Lake Park?

## **2b Skating Rink Locations 2016-17**

The staff recommendation for skating and hockey rinks for the 2016-2017 season are as follows:

### **Hockey Rinks:**

- Commons Park (2)
- Hayes Elementary School
- Madsen Park
- Flanery Park
- Ruth Circle Park

### **General Skating Rinks:**

- Briardale Park
- Commons Park (oval)
- Flanery Park
- Hackmann Park
- Hayes Elementary School
- Logan Park
- Madsen Park
- Plymouth Square Park
- Ruth Circle Park
- Springbrook Park
- Sylvan Hills Park



### **Springbrook Use Policy Addition**

It was brought to our attention that while we included a local non-profit rate for the entire banquet room, we did not specifically offer a local non-profit rate for rental of individual rooms. This was an oversight and the Nature Center staff would like the Commission to consider an amendment to the approved policies to include this rate. A proposed rental rate is as follows:

#### **Pricing Per Classroom:**

- Per hour rate (with 2 hour min.)
- Resident - \$30 Per hour rate (with 2 hour min.)
- Non-Resident \$50 Per hour rate (with 2 hour min.)
- Fridley Based Non-Profit \$25